

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/626,455

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7 November 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-15, 17-33 and 35.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
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DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-15, 17-33, and 35 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The amendments to claims 13-23, 30-33, and 35 overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. 101 made in the previous office action. Claims 13-23, 30-33, and 35 are now directed to "computer-readable storage media". Storage media is defined by the specification as including statutory computer-readable mediums (CD-ROMS, etc.) and are differentiated from "communication media", which includes non-statutory computer-readable mediums such as carrier waves and the like.

Additionally, independent claim 13 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 16. These limitations are similar to those indicated as allowable in independent claim 1, thus claim 13 is also allowable.

The reasons for allowance indicated in the previous office action are repeated below:

In regard to claims 1-15, 17-23, 30-33 and 35, since the Chao reference has been overcome by the declaration filed under 35 U.S.C. 1.132, Koehn et al. is now the closest prior art of record. Claim 1 requires "transforming a representation of context words in a source language into a transformed representation of context words in the target language". Koehn et al. do not disclose or suggest "a representation of context words in a source language" which is transformed. Rather, Koehn et al. base their

models upon direct representations of context words *in the target language* (see page 3, 1st column, 3rd full paragraph).

Regarding claims 24-29, the combination of Itoh et al. and Chin et al. does not disclose or suggest "providing two possible translations for a word to at least two clients" so that the two clients can, in effect, vote on a correct translation for the word. While Itoh et al. allows a single user to select a correct translation, the translation is stored in a user specific dictionary. Therefore, there is no motivation to allow additional user's to influence a particular user's personal dictionary.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brian L. Albertalli whose telephone number is (571) 272-

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7616. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Fri, 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM, every second Fri off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Hudspeth can be reached on (571) 272-7843. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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